Ruby-Castro Plot Hinted By Ex-Agent

NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Daily News reported today it has learned a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent told the Senate Intelligence Committee that Jack Ruby, the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald, once discussed with Fidel Castro the possibility of assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

The News did not identify the former agent who had worked in Cuba, but said he was not a regular payroll employe.

The News said it learned the former agent recently got in touch with the Senate Intelligence Committee, which has been studying the possibilities of reopening the investigation of Mr. Kennedy's death, and told the committee Ruby met with Castro in the summer of 1963.

The News reported the agent said Ruby, a Dallas night club operator, made a secret trip to Havana about 10 weeks before Kennedy's death for the purpose of offering Castro "arms and military equipment in exchange for permission to use Cuba as a conduit for drug shipments to the United States."

RUBY OSWALD

Assassination puzzle deepens.

The agent, the News reported, said Ruby met with Castro and four other Cuban leaders who told him the CIA had been trying to assassinate Castro and that a close aide to Castro had been killed in a recent attempt.

The agent said Castro "blamed Kennedy for the murder plots . . . and indicated that he was ready to strike back."

The News reported the agent said Ruby was asked "whether he would be willing to kill Kennedy or could arrange an assassination," but said it was not known what the agent said was Ruby's reply.

The News also said it learned a Cuban refuge in Miami had turned over to the FBI at the time of the original Kennedy investigation a letter from his half-brother, a Cuban army officer, who also reported a meeting between Ruby and Castro.

But the News said the FBI never informed the Warren Commission, which investigated Kennedy's death, about the letter.

The Warren Commission came to the conclusion Oswald was Kennedy's lone killer.

After Oswald's capture, Ruby shot Oswald to death in a police station in Dallas. Ruby was convicted of Oswald's slaying and sentenced to death, but died Jan. 3, 1967, of complications from cancer.